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1. HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE IS BEING CONSIDERED AT 58TH ECOSOC NOT AS SEPARATE ITEM BUT IN CONTEXT OF REPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WHICH, INTER ALIA, CONTAINS DRAFT DECISION APPROVING ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO INQUIRE INTO SITUATION IN CHILE. IN COURSE OF GENERAL DEBATE IN SOCIAL COMITE ON HRC REPORT, CHILE HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO BY NOW ALMOST ROUTINE ATTACKS FROM SOVIET BLOC. WE IMPRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT MUCH OF THE STEAM APPEARS TO HAVE GONE OUT OF THESE ATTACKS AND THAT SOVIETS UNABLE GET SUPPORT FROM AFRO-ASIAN GROUP IN MOUNTING ATTACKS.

2. WEOS, US INCLUDED, ARGUED FOR SIMPLE APPROVAL OF DRAFT DECISION. LAS REMAINED ON SIDELINE THOUGHT WE UNDERSTAND CHILE ASKED THAT AT LEAST ONE SUPPORT WEO APPROACH. THAT ISSUE DID NOT EMERGE AS MAJOR BATTLE CONSIDERABLY HELPED BY VERY LOW KEY STATEMENT BY CHILE AMB IN WHICH HE SIMPLY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR HRC DECISION AND PROMISED THE SUPPORT OF GOC. (SOVIET REP HAD PREPARED A LENGTHY REBUTTAL AND WAS ANNOYED THAT CHILEAN STATEMENT DID NOT PROVIDE HIM WITH OPENING TO USE IT. SIMILARLY, CUBAN OB-
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SERVER CHOSE TO DROP FROM SPEAKERS LIST FOLLOWING CHILEAN

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STATEMENT.)

3. THUS, WITH LITTLE OR NO ACRIMONY SOCIAL COMITE APPROVED HRC DRAFT DECISION WITHOUT VOTE. IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE SOVIET REP REPEATED RESERVATIONS ABOUT COMPOSITION OF WORKING GROUP (ABSENCE OF EE REP) AND RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

4. LAST AND FINAL STEP IS APPROVAL BY ECOSOC PLENARY. ALL INDICATIONS AT THIS POINT ARE THAT PLENARY WILL SIMPLY ACCEPT SOCIAL COMITE REPORT.
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